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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 22, 24, 27, 90 and 95 of the Commission's
Rules to Improve Wireless Coverage Through the Use of Signal Boosters
WT Docket No. 10-4
Notice of Oral Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing on behalf of our client ACUTA: The Association for Information Communications Technology Professionals in Higher Education ("ACUTA") to report that on November 9, 2011, representatives of ACUTA met by conference call with Commission staff to discuss issues in the above-referenced proceeding. The representatives of ACUTA were as follows: Corinne Hoch, the Executive Director of ACUTA; Randy Hayes of the University of Northern Iowa; Andy Hulsey of the University of Central Florida; Holly King of Northwestern University; Walt Magnussen of Texas A&M University; David Mongeluzi of the University of Pennsylvania; Ed Quinn of the Ohio State University; Greg Sparks of North Carolina State University; Walter Czerniak of Northern Illinois University; Doris Stock of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Judy Tanzi of the Rhode Island School of Design; Greg Haledjian and Rodney Petersen of EDUCAUSE; and Kenneth Salomon and the undersigned of Dow Lohnes, counsel to ACUTA. (The affiliations of the ACUTA representatives employed at colleges and universities are provided for identification only.) The Commission participants were Roger Noel, Chief of the Mobility Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; Thomas Derenge, Joyce Jones, Moslem Sawez and Becky Schwartz of the Mobility Division staff; and Thomas Eng, Brian Marengo and Uche Patrick of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

During the meeting, the ACUTA representatives described their experiences in installing and operating distributed antenna systems ("DAS") on college and university campuses. The focus of the discussion was on issues relating to public safety and E911. They discussed their experiences in obtaining reliable location information for 911 calls made via DAS and the extent to which adjustments to DAS were required to ensure 911 call location compliance. They also discussed the extent to which public safety services were included in DAS installations on campus, and indicated that in some, but not all, cases DAS installations are designed to accommodate public safety users. The participants noted that the exclusion of public safety users often was because those users

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were not interested in participating – in some instances, public safety users are concerned about potential interference issues related to collocation with DAS antennas and in other cases public safety users do not see a need to be included in the DAS.

The ACUTA representatives also indicated that they believe DAS installations are beneficial to carriers, in part because of lower costs per antenna site. They were unaware of any technical reasons that wireless providers could not share DAS installations, and noted that much of the infrastructure in a DAS installation is designed specifically to be shared.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this notice are being filed by the end of the second business day following the meeting and copies of this notice are being provided to the Commission attendees.

Please inform me if any questions should arise in connection with this notice.

Respectfully submitted,



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